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Chicopee moves into COVID red zone

By Dalton Zbierski
Staff Writer

CHICOPEE – As temperatures dip, Chicopee's COVID-19 case count has risen. Chicopee is now a high-risk community, in the eyes of the state's Department of Health.

On Oct. 22, Mayor John Vieau announced that the city has entered the red category, the state's most severe designation on its map of communities. Vieau believes that autumn weather is the primary culprit for the spike in new cases.

"What's happened is people are moving from the outdoor locations, which are cooler, and coming inside," he said. "They're being complacent. The recommendation now is that if you're having people in your home please practice social distancing and wear a mask when you can. Wash, sanitize and, please, if you don't feel well, stay home."

On Oct. 26, the city announced that it had 127 active cases of the novel coronavirus, a degree of severity that it had not observed since May. From Oct. 25 – 27, 45 new cases were confirmed; 19 new cases were tallied this past Sunday alone.

On Monday, the state reported 1,097 new cases and 24 new deaths, as the numbers continue to rise. As of this week, 610 Chicopee residents have recovered from COVID-19, while 17 others died after contracting the virus.

"The City of Chicopee has gone from yellow to red in just a few weeks," said Lisa Sanders, Director of the Chicopee Board of Health. "Our residents need to take COVID-19 seriously. We are all at increased risk of contracting this virus if people continue to ignore the importance of following the recommended preventive measures."

Fortunately, the Chicopee Police Department is progressing after a COVID-19 cluster was reported at police headquarters on Church Street earlier this month. Five personnel were diagnosed with the virus.

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School district postpones Phase 3 of in-person learning

PHOTO BY DALTON ZBIERSKI

Inside of the historic Helen A. O'Connell Administration Office at 180 Broadway St., the Chicopee School Dept. continues to navigate unchartered waters, as the COVID-19 threat rises once more.

By Dalton Zbierski
Staff Writer

CHICOPEE – One of the most unpredictable years on record isn't over yet, as COVID-19 continues to disrupt the city's best-laid plans. On Oct. 20, Mayor John Vieau indefinitely postponed the third phase of in-person learning for Chicopee Public Schools.

"As you're well aware, there's been an uptick in coronavirus cases here in the city of Chicopee," said Vieau. "The Superintendent [Lynn Clark], the Health Director [Lisa Sanders], myself and certainly everyone involved feel that the right thing to do would be to pause in the next phasing, which would involve approximately 1,000 more students in school (attending in-person classes)."

Phase 3 was scheduled to begin on Oct. 26. The city's decision to halt the planned progression was primarily data-based.

On Oct. 19, there were 64 active cases of COVID-19 in Chicopee. Fourteen new cases were recorded on Oct. 18, and the severity of the rapidly ascending count led the district to take action on Oct. 20.

The postponement of Phase 3 was thoroughly reviewed during the Oct. 21 School Committee meeting. Clark reminded committee members that the city is in a "medical crisis rather than an education one," adding that the Boston Public Schools and the Amherst-Pelham Regional School District also recently regressed back to fully remote learning curriculum.

"When we're phasing people into schools within a certain space and the confinement of a classroom for a long period of time, it's much different than going in and out of the shopping stores or grocery stories or anywhere else," said Clark.

Numerous committee members lauded the city's de-

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City Council addresses sewer issues

By Dalton Zbierski
Staff Writer

A sewer backup at an unnamed location in Chicopee was one topic of discussion during the Oct. 20 meeting of City Council. The council unanimously approved Mayor John Vieau's order to appropriate $20,000 to settle a claim on a sewer backup at a residential home.

"We had a sewer back up on a property here in the city of Chicopee; not to get into specific details of what property or what homeowner. Of the damage that was done, for the estimates, we're looking for this much to settle the claim," said Councilor-at-Large Frank Laflamme.

Laflamme commended the Department of Public Works for attending the needs of the city's homeowners. He elaborated on the city's ongoing Sewer Backup Prevention Program, which reimburses residents up to $2,000 for installing safeguards that could prevent future backups.

"I'm glad to see that the DPW is out there helping these homeowners when they have this issue," he said. "Our program with our check valves is in place if anyone is interested. When [a check valve] is put in, it will help solve this problem for each and every one, so we won't

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Trust violated: Soldiers' Home hearings depict a culture of noncompliance

By Dalton Zbierski
Staff Writer

HOLYOKE – A culture of poor health care, staff shortages and a lack of infection control measures at the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke led to the COVID-19- related deaths of at least 76 elderly veterans this spring. On Oct. 20, family members of those killed or sickened by the unprecedented outbreak testified before a Joint Special Legislative Oversight Committee at Holyoke Community College.

For the speakers, a sense of closure was nowhere to be found. Present, however, was a platform to address a panel of concerned state senators and representatives.

Fighting back tears, loved ones emotionally detailed the negligent actions, lack of compassion and total absence of communication that transformed Holyoke's "Gem on the Hill" into a facility marred by too many deaths.

Susan Kenney, a Ware resident, arrived at the podium to discuss her father's last days. Charles Lowell, a 78-year-old U.S. Air Force veteran, succumbed to the novel coronavirus on April 15.

In the weeks leading to Lowell's death, Kenney and her mother tried desperately to communicate with the Soldiers' Home, a painstaking and largely unsuccessful endeavor. The total lack of transparency led Kenney to paint "Is my father alive?" on her vehicle and drive to the front of the facility, demanding answers.

"This could have been avoided. There were absolute treasures of people at that home," said Kenney. "That's the tragedy. People need to be held responsible for it. It needs to not happen again."

Kenney explained that safety protocols had been ignored at the home long before the arrival of the pandemic. On numerous occasions, she complained to Chief Nursing Officer Vanessa Lauziere about a Certified Nursing Assistant, who would constantly kiss the veterans.

"It seemed to be for no purpose but to satisfy her own need," said Kenney. "That's my opinion; I understand that, but I also know from working in the health care field, it's not proper universal precautions or infection control standards. On March 11, I saw that same CNA, arm and arm with another veteran joking about the virus."

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Ware resident Susan Kenney was the first family member to testify about the conditions and problems at the Holyoke Soldiers' Home. She lost her father, Charles Lowell, to COVID-19, and 75 other veterans at the home died of virus as well.

ohn and Cheryl Turgeon of East Longmeadow testify about conditions at the Holyoke Soldiers' Home during hearings Tuesday in Holyoke.

In the aftermath of the outbreak, the facility's former Superintendent Bennett Walsh and former Chief Medical Officer Dr. David Clinton were indicted by a state grand jury on five counts of neglect and mistreatment of an older or disabled person. If found guilty, Walsh and Clinton will face decades in prison.

The Oct. 20 hearing, which was scheduled to resume on Oct. 22, was co-chaired by State Rep. Linda Dean Campbell, of Methuen, and Sen. Walter Timilty, of Milton. The panel also consisted of state officials including Sen. John Veils, Sen. James Welch, Rep. Joseph Wagner, Rep. Michael Finn and Rep. Aaron Vega.

Following Kenney's testimony, East Longmeadow resident Cheryl Turgeon took to the microphone. Turgeon's father, 90-year-old Korean veteran Dennis Thresher, survived his bout with COVID-19, but has been unable to walk since March 28.

Turgeon offered a harrowing description of the conditions that surviving Soldiers' Home residents have faced over the past six months. Due to inactivity, Thresher has developed pressure ulcers, depression and nearly had his left toe and right foot amputated on account of neglect.

"Their loneliness, their feelings of abandonment and being forgotten is clearly evident," she said. "They are not allowed outside many days. No fresh air, no sunshine and no Vitamin D. Even our incarcerated individuals have recreational opportunities outside while these veterans stay in their room for weeks on end still."

The facility's inability or unwillingness to communicate with the families of veterans who reside in the home has also angered Turgeon. She noted the administration consistently responds to inquiries by saying, "I hear you," without divulging an actual answer.

"I don't believe the current administration fully understands the veteran or the mission of the home. We're tired of their indifferent opinions [pertaining to] communication with us still," said Turgeon, who also complained about the absence of dental care and eye exams.

Roberta Twining, also of East Longmeadow, spoke on behalf of her 77-year-old husband Timothy Twining, a former paratrooper and retired Springfield police sergeant, who contracted the virus in the home.

"When the pandemic was hovering over our lives, the staff was not being transparent. I later learned that they were instructed not to tell our families anything," said Twining.

At the onset of the outbreak, veterans were consolidated due to a lack of staffing. Twining described the horrid conditions that faced her husband, a veteran, who was subjected to what several family members and employees have categorized as being Holocaust-like conditions.

"They moved him to the fourth floor, squeezed him in a room with two others and his bed was against the wall. He also stated that he had no walker, wheelchair or buzzer and literally had to crawl and hold onto the walls to get to the bathroom down the hall," said Twining, who said he was denied a shower for 17 days.

Over the span of a week, Twining's husband was moved five times, yet she never received a call or email. Fortunately, Twining survived his ailment, but his struggles have persisted nonetheless.

"Everything continues to be a secret. It appears that this board has a gag order on the staff not to tell the families anything," she said. "My husband says that they lie and treat him and I like we're idiots."

The individuals who took the stand on Tuesday complimented the effort of the facility's courageous and undermanned staff, who put their lives at risk when COVID-19 began to make its mark. Twining firmly believes that the facility's board continues to jeopardize the operation.

"It wasn't that [staff] weren't caring; they were doing all they could. It's that their hands were tied. I believe that their hands are still tied and that they're muzzled now too," said Twining, who stated that without the arrival of the National Guard, "our precious home would have totally been wiped out."

All in all, five family members of veterans who were killed or sickened by COVID-19 testified on Oct. 20. Laurie Mandeville-Beaudette, who's father passed away in April, sadly noted that in recent weeks the facility removed signs that were posted on the campus to honor the lives that were lost.

"They just want us to go away," she said.

Timilty responded immediately, voicing his disgust. He assured Beaudette and the other family members that the signs would be recovered if possible.

Following each speaker, Campbell extended her deepest sympathies. Unlike the facility's board, she made it clear the panel will not fail to act.

"We have great concern about ongoing communication issues now and also staffing issues now, and other issues that we will take immediate action on. Your perspectives are very much appreciated and will be helpful to us as we move forward," she said.

The committee has a deadline of March 31, 2021 to complete its investigation and submit a report to the state. Testimonials from the Oct. 22 hearing will be featured in next week's edition.

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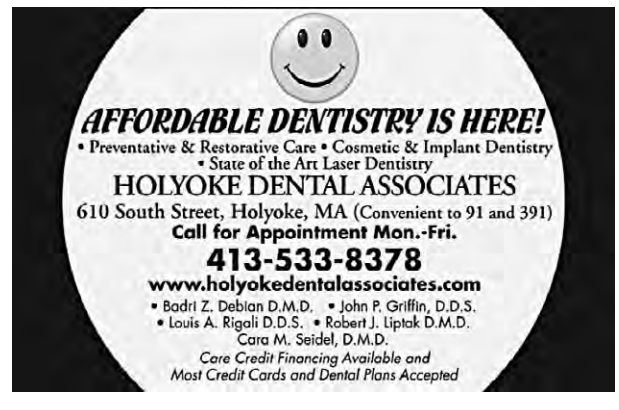
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New plaque could commemorate old Fisk Rubber Co.

By Dalton Zbierski
Staff Writer

CHICOPEE – A commemorative plaque could soon be featured near the front exterior of a Grove Street building which formerly served as the headquarters for the Fisk Rubber Co.

On Oct. 13, the Chicopee Historical Commission discussed the potential addition to the historic property.

"A gentleman wanted to help create a plaque for in front of the building, where the Fisk Tire Co. was. He wanted to put some money towards a plaque, but we just don't know what he wants on there and don't know exactly if it is something we can necessarily do," said commission Chair Joshua Clark.

The Fisk Rubber Co., also known as the Fisk Tire Co., U.S. Rubber Co., and eventually the Uniroyal Tire Complex, was a driving force in the U.S. tire industry during the 20th century. In 1917, the company employed 4,500 workers and the Chicopee plant produced 5,000 tires a day, according to historic city and newspaper archives.

Located at 154 Grove St., the 28-acre property was originally developed during the late 19th century. It was first operated as a lumber yard under the control of the Chicopee Manufacturing Co. before being acquired by the Spaulding and Pepper Co. in 1896.

The location established itself as one of Chicopee's most prominent places of business after being purchased by the Fisk Rubber Co. in 1898. The site was used to manufacture bicycle, automotive and truck tires and adhesives from 1898 to 1981.

Uniroyal Inc. sold the plant to the DHJ-Facemate Corp. for $1.3 million in 1981 due to declining bias-ply tire sales. Approximately 1,600 workers lost their jobs as a result of the transaction, and the property has sat largely vacant since.

During its Oct. 13 meeting, members of the Historical Commission voiced enthusiasm over the prospect of installing a commemorative plaque. If the plaque is approved, Patricia Ferreira, a commission member, noted that it must be made durable.

"To throw it out there, I think we need to determine what material it would be made out of, because the wooden plaque [on a separate city property] is falling apart," said Ferreira. "On the Bellamy House, I want to say that it's brass, but that's from the national historic entity; it was given to them by the national entity and not the state. It's going to last longer than the house."

City Planner Lee Pouliot added his perspective to the Tuesday afternoon meeting, noting that the Grove Street site will likely be developed in the near future. The Grove St. property is currently the focus of a multi-million-dollar Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields cleanup project, and Pouliot acknowledged that a future developer could pay for the plaque.

"The city intends to sell several of those buildings for redevelopment. We could make it part of the RFP (request for proposal) requirements for a developer to install a historic plaque for either of those buildings to honor and reflect the history of the property itself," said Pouliot. "It is eligible for listing at the federal level, so this might be a worthy conversation when we get a developer onboard because if it does get listed nationally, then the developer would be able to access federal historic tax credits for redevelopment."

With the exception of July and August, the Historical Commission meets regularly on the second Tuesday of each month at 4 p.m.

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A line of trucks outside of the Fisk Tire Co. in the early 20th century. Tires made inside of the plant were distributed to 130 branch locations spread across the country.

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Two shipping department workers at the Fisk Tire Co. on Grove St. inspect tires during the early 1920s.

During its heyday, the Fisk Tire Co. facilitated its own emergency hospital to tend to the needs of workers.

Inside of the Fisk Tire Co., two employees operate a conveyer shortly before vulcanizing an array of tires.

Managers of the Fisk Tire Co. on Grove St. sit in the administration building on Grove St. around 1920. Today, the administration building overlooks the Public Safety complex on nearby Church St.

Today, the historic complex that served as a place of work for tens of thousands of employees of the Fisk Tire Co. and Uniroyal Inc. sits vacant on Grove St. Pictured is the former administrative building.

PHOTO BY DALTON ZBIERSKI

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4-B	CHICOPEE SENIOR CENTER, 5 WEST MAIN STREET
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5-B	FIRST CENTRAL BIBLE CHURCH, 50 BROADWAY
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6-B-W	SHERIDAN CIRCLE COMMUNITY BUILDING, 1 CENTRAL AVE.
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9-B	KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, 1599 MEMORIAL DRIVE

GUEST COLUMN

Crocus: a great spring pick me up

When I was a kid we had crocus growing in a rock garden behind our house. They bloomed religiously, year after year, with little effort on our part. As a young adult working at Old Sturbridge Village, I saw a lot of crocus there, too. I loved to look for the bright yellows and purples in the Towne and Fitch gardens, and even inside the homes when they were forced into bloom in really neat porcelain hedgehogs, modeled after period forcing pots! Hedgehogs aside, I haven't had the same luck growing crocus in my own garden. Let's take a crash course on crocus culture so that this harbinger of spring will be happy enough to stick around in my landscape and yours.

ON THE GARDEN

Roberta McQuaid

Crocuses are hardy throughout most of the continental United States, zones 3-8. Northern gardeners love that they tolerate frost so well, and given the right circumstances will actually do better here than if planted in warmer climates. In fact, those who garden in the South often enjoy crocus for only a single season, making them more of an annual instead of the perennial we are accustomed to.

Most crocus species prefer a location that mimics their native habitat: one in which winters are moist and summers are dry. This is because they, and others that fall under the category of "spring flowering bulbs," go through a period of dormancy during the summer months. Since they are resting and not actively growing, they need to be kept dry; excess moisture will cause them to rot.

A full sun to partial shade situation is best for crocus and will encourage them to produce prolific, strong blossoms. Remember just how early in the season they bloom; many locations that wouldn't work in summer are just fine in March-, under deciduous trees, for example, since they have yet to produce their leaves.

Plant crocus corms in the autumn, at least 4 to 6 weeks before the ground freezes solid. These "modified stems" should be sunk twice as deep as they are thick, usually about four inches underground. Keep them that same distance apart from one another. Sometimes it is difficult to tell which end is "up." Examine the corm carefully and you will likely notice the start of a shoot or two poking through a fibrous, papery covering on one side and a base plate with the remnants of the previous year's roots on the other. Now that you know what

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GUEST COLUMN

Hiking has no age limit

By Julie Midura
Contributing Writer

My husband Tom was 59 years old, and I was 51 when we began the sport of peak-bagging.

I vividly remember the day that I suggested we attempt to climb all forty-eight of New Hampshire's 4,000- foot mountain peaks in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. Tom insisted that we were far too old to attempt such a monumental goal and that it would be impossible to complete all of them in our lifetime.

We have since climbed not just all of New Hampshire's 4,000-footers, but all of the 4,000-footers in Vermont and Maine as well. And we have no intention of stopping anytime soon.

Although we never dreamed that we would be embarking on such a physically demanding activity during middle age, we've come to realize that age is just a number, and that the mind will quit long before the body does. The hike that we took three weeks ago with my mom, Madelyn, and her fiancé, Herve, proved just that.

Two years ago, my mom and Herve dropped Tom and I off at Appalachia Trailhead in the White Mountains of New Hampshire for our three-day, 23-mile Presidential Traverse backpacking trip. The Presi Traverse takes you up and over ten 4,000-foot mountains along the Presidential Range.

The following day, as Tom and I reached the summit of our third mountain, I took a chance and dialed my mom's cell phone number. I knew that she and Herve were taking the Cog Railway to the summit of Mt. Washington that day, and I was hoping to be able to say 'hi' to her while she was on the summit. Also known as the Rock Pile, Mt. Washington is the tallest mountain in New England, and clearly visible from the summit of Mt. Jefferson, where Tom and I were standing.

Julie Midura and her mom, Madelyn, at the summit.

My mom answered her phone. She told me that she and Herve were on the summit, about to board the train for the ride back down. I told her that Tom and I were standing on the summit of Mt. Jefferson, just north of her.

She asked the train conductor to point out Mt. Jefferson. A moment later, she said excitedly, "I'm looking at Mt. Jefferson now!" I yelled into my phone, "Can you see me, Mom?! I'm waving at you from the summit!"

And I was waving. Oh, how I was waving! At 53 years old, I was waving so exuberantly that it felt as though my arm would fall off. I was waving even though I was fully aware that there was no way my mom could see me from the summit of Mt. Washington.

But with tears in my eyes, I was waving nonetheless. Because we were connected, she and I, by those two mountains amid the vast wilderness that surrounded us. Mother and daughter, a mountain away, but united. She was seeing exactly what I see when I climb a mountain. In that moment, I knew that the beautiful woman who raised me could finally understand my love affair with

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Madelyn and Herve at Mt. Willard Trailhead.

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Baystate Health to provide free COVID-19 testing

Special testing will run Oct. 14-29

SPRINGFIELD – In an effort to offer additional COVID-19 testing where needed in the community, Baystate Health is collaborating with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to expand COVID-19 testing in the region via the Commonwealth's Stop the Spread program.

Expanded testing is being offered beginning Wednesday, Oct. 14 at 298 Carew St. in Springfield and 164 High St. in Greenfield. Testing will occur on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 1 to 4 p.m. and continue until Thursday, Oct. 29.

Those interested must schedule an appointment to be tested by calling (413) 794-0012 only between 5-8 p.m. Monday through Friday. Up to 150 appointments will be scheduled per site per day

The events are part of the state's Stop the Spread program, where the Commonwealth is launching strategic testing in communities across Massachusetts that have continued to see a higher number of residents testing positive for COVID-19.

The testing is offered at no cost and no physician referral is needed to be tested. Results will be available within 48 hours.

A free packet of 10 masks per family will also be handed out.

For more information on Baystate Health services, visit www.baystatehealth.org.

Drive-up flu clinics coming to HCC

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Community College will serve as a host site for drive-up flu vaccine clinics during the next few weeks.

The clinics will be held on Fri., Oct. 23; Tues,. Nov. 3; and Fri., Nov. 6. They are being provided by the Holyoke Board of Health and CVS Pharmacy and will be open to the general public.

All the clinics run from 8 – 11 a.m. and will be held in Parking Lot M next to HCC's Bartley Center for Athletics and Recreation on the main campus at 303 Homestead Ave., Holyoke, the same location where free COVID-19 testing is underway until Oct. 31.

The flu vaccines are free with most insurance, including MassHealth. Pre-registration is not required but highly recommended to ensure sufficient supply.

These are drive-up clinics, so there is no need to exit your vehicle. Free face masks will also be distributed on site.

Appointments can be scheduled for 20-minute time slots by following the links on the HCC website to the CVS Pharmacy registration pages for each day: hcc.edu/flu

"Let's Talk About Diabetes" COA Zoom Series

CHICOPEE – The Council on Aging will offer the Zoom series "Let's Talk about Diabetes" presented by Holyoke Medical Center. The dates of the series are as follows: Mondays, Nov. 9 at 10 a.m., and Nov. 16, 23, and 30 at 11:00 a.m.; and on Wednesdays, Nov. 18 and Dec. 2 at 11 a.m.

This series is open to those with diabetes, those caring for a person with diabetes, or those who would like to learn more to offer support or to learn healthy habits. Each class will allow open discussion about diabetes, how to eat to control blood sugar and how to manage medication and lifestyle to lead a happy, healthy life.

The Zoom link will be available on RiverMills Centers Facebook Page or by calling (413) 534-3698.

COA Weight Loss & Hypnosis Zoom Series

CHICOPEE – The Council on Aging will be offering a Weight Loss & Hypnosis three-part series via Zoom. The Zoom series will take place on Nov. 30, Dec. 7 and Dec. 21 at 10 a.m.

This series will be led by Robin Davis and will incorporate mind and body techniques, including hypnosis. The cost is $25 for the series. Space is limited. Participants must register in advance by calling RiverMills Center and by providing an email address. Payment must be mailed or dropped off at RiverMills Center before the first session. Once payment is received, participants will be emailed the Zoom link for the series. Checks can be made out to Robin Davis. Call (413) 534-3698 for more information.

COLLEGE NEWS

Daniel Cave named to Goodwin University's President's List Spring 2020

EAST HARTFORD – Daniel Cave of Chicopee earned a place on Goodwin University's President's List for the Spring 2020 Session. The Spring 2020 President's List includes 327 students, all of whom scored a perfect 4.0 GPA.

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On Oct. 26, only one police department employee was still in quarantine. The city is monitoring that individual for complications pertaining to blood clots in his or her lungs.

Despite sharing the Public Safety Complex with the police department, the Chicopee Fire Department has not reported any positive tests and remains fully operational.

While Chicopee entered Step 2 of Phase 3 of the state's reopening plan, Vieau announced that it would have to revert to Step 1 if the city receives a high-risk designation for three consecutive weeks.

If Chicopee is forced to return to Step 1, residents' ability to gather will be impacted. Local businesses could also be affected, since a reduction in group seating from 10 to six people at indoor and outdoor tables would occur.

On Oct. 22, Chicopee's average daily incident rate per 100,000 residents stood at 9.5. Vieau explained how the metrics work.

"If you do the direct correlation of math for the 56,000 people we have, the metric is based on 100,000. I'll say that a two is really a four because you've doubled the number to fall into those metrics to see where we're at," said Vieau, during the Mayor's Briefing on Oct. 20.

"I think that's probably the most complicated part for people; when they're seeing that our numbers are this on average over a two-week period, and the new week is an extension of that first week before," he continued.

As temperatures continue to decrease, Vieau urged residents to take the virus more seriously. In no uncertain terms, he emphasized that it will take a community-wide effort to keep Chicopee healthy.

"As much as we're getting sick of the virus, it's not getting sick of us," said Vieau. "We all have a role in keeping our community and each other safe. Please take your role seriously. We have the opportunity to change this outcome."

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have to pay this out again in the near future."

DPW Superintendent Elizabette Botelho confirmed the details of the prevention program and divulged what caused the recent backup at the Chicopee property.

"They did install a backflow prevention valve after this occurred. There was a blockage in the main [valve], and then there was a thunderstorm. It was kind of a perfect storm situation, but, yes, they did install a valve after, through our program," said Botelho.

In other council news, councilors praised the Council on Aging for its senior meal program, which raised $12,475 from donations during the month of September alone.

"We've received a letter from the Executive Director [Sherry Manyak] of the senior center, indicating that the meals program generated $12,475.80, which is a testament to the amount of meals that are going out each and every week," said City Council President and Ward 2 representative Shane Brooks.

In turn, the council approved appropriations of $1,280 for COA programming and $655 for the RiverMills Reminder Newsletter – the COA's monthly bulletin. Councilor-at-Large James Tillitson made a motion to approve them both, which passed unanimously.

"I'm just happy that we're able to do this," said Tillitson, as he complimented the COA's meal program. "For a lot of the seniors, it might be the only way to get onto the property or out of their houses, to drive down to the senior center and get their meal. I think it's a good cause, and it's certainly paying for itself. I'm glad that we're continuing to do this."

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cision to hold off on Phase 3. Susan Lopes, Ward 6 committee member, praised an announcement that was made by Clark and delivered to each family in the district via telephone.

"I want to thank the Superintendent for her gentle, soothing, kind voice when she was speaking to the parents and our community, as she explained to them why this decision was made. I thought one of the most important things I heard her say through this message is that we all have important roles to play," said Lopes.

Ward 7 committee member Donald Lamothe received several calls from constituents in the hours leading up to last Wednesday's meeting. Still, no definitive answer exists for the inquiry that he received most.

"The question they had was, 'Okay, when does the pause end?' Really what it comes down to is everyone out there really needs to wear your mask and socially distance. I know everyone is getting sick of it, myself included, but it's not going away until we get rid of it," said Lamothe.

Committee members also expressed a variety of concerns during last Tuesday's meeting. Ward 5 committee member Deborah Styckiewicz voiced her own trepidation.

"I'm concerned about when we have the cold and flu season come, what will happen then," she said. "I'm really afraid for the students, the faculty and everyone in the building. How are we going to know who has the flu, a cold, or COVID? It's going to be very difficult."

Ward 2 committee member David Barsalou voiced his fears regarding the social and emotional well-being of Chicopee students. He noted that local children and teenagers haven't experienced a traditional school setting since early March.

Barsalou is nervous that the absence of "normalcy" could negatively impact Chicopee's youths.

"Nationally, there are a lot of places that haven't even been affected by the virus to the same extent we have, and they're sort of getting back to normalcy. I know we're a small microcosm of the entire nation, but there's 330 million people in the United States. The virus has affected, percentage-wise, a sort of a small percent of the population," said Barsalou.

He continued on, offering his condolences to the families of all those who have succumbed to the disease this year. Despite that, Barsalou implored the district to better facilitate social opportunities for the city's students.

"When are we going to be able to get back to normalcy in our city? It's been eight months now; it's too much," he said. "We have to find a way to handle the emotional and social needs of our students besides just the education. They need to be interacting with their friends. Somehow, we have to figure something else out."

Clark responded that Asst. Superintendent Alvin Morton is working with social workers and counselors to provide additional "off-school time support," and assured the committee that the district is doing all that it can to preserve the physical and mental health of its students.

The district is not attempting to calculate a precise date as to when Phase 3 will resume. Clark explained her stance.

"The reason why we did not give a date is because we do not know where the numbers will go from here. Rather than say it will definitely be in two weeks and have to delay it again, it's best for us to look at the trend for a couple of weeks," said Clark.

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the mountains, and why the wilderness sets my soul on fire.

Since that day, it has been my dream to be able to hike up a mountain with my mom by my side. But how? At 75 and 83, how on earth would she and Herve be able to navigate the rocks and roots of a mountain trail? How would they manage the elevation? Although they hike locally and regularly walk the streets of their Chicopee neighborhood, a mountain is a different animal altogether.

However, unwilling to let my dream die, I hatched a plan. I picked Mt. Willard, a 3.2-mile round trip hike that has an 'easy to moderate' difficulty rating. I bought a couple of lightweight camp stools so that they would have something to sit on when they needed to rest and when we reached the summit. Tom and I would carry our larger backpacks, so that my mom and Herve wouldn't have to carry anything up the mountain.

When I approached my mom and Herve with my plan, they enthusiastically agreed to try.

Four weeks ago, we all met at the Mt. Willard Trailhead in Crawford Notch. It was a beautiful fall day. The couple insisted on carrying their own backpacks. I was relieved when they made it across the water crossing just minutes into the hike.

As we continued up the mountain, we stopped several times to rest. Slow and steady was the rhythm of the day. At one point, while we were stopped for a break, I snuck my mom's small backpack into my larger one. She reluctantly allowed me to carry it for her.

We encountered the same hikers twice on our way up the mountain – the first time as they passed us on our way up, and again as they were coming down from the summit while we were still heading up. But my mom and Herve never gave up in their determination to reach the summit.

Two hours from the time we started, we reached the top of the mountain. As we stepped out of the trees and onto the rocky slab at the summit, tears filled my eyes. "You did it!" I cried, as I hugged them both. They were standing on a 2,865-foot mountain that they had just climbed! Their first mountain! It was a moment I will never forget.

This couple accomplished something that many people their age will never have the opportunity to do. They did it in spite of their age. They did it in spite of the fact that they had never hiked up a mountain before. At 75 and 83 years young, they ignored the prevailing attitude that they shouldn't – they did it because they believed that they could.

I assumed that this would be a one-time thing for my mom and Herve. I never dreamed that they would want to hike up another mountain. But on the way down from the summit of 2,865 foot Mt. Willard, Herve asked, "So do you think there's a 4,000-footer that we could do?"

Peace, and hike on, friends!

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COMMUNITY

Jarissa Rosario clears the ball away.

Alexis Boulanger runs into trouble.

Colts drop decision to Ludlow

LUDLOW – Last Monday night, Chicopee Comprehensive was on the tough-luck end of a 1-0 defeat against Ludlow. Comp dropped to 2-4 on the abbreviated season.

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Madelyn Rice collects the ball for Comp.

Lindsay Reidy takes over possession for the Colts.

Samantha Breton tries to keep play moving forward.

School shuts down sports, others join high-risk status

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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REGION – After three weeks of being named "high-risk" communities for COVID-19, Holyoke High School became the first school outside of Springfield's schools to shut high school sports down.

Not only has Holyoke High School shut down their sports, the remainder of the fall season has been officially cancelled according to a letter from Receiver/Superintendent Dr. Alberto Vazquez Matos.

"The health and safety of our community must remain the top priority," stated Matos in a letter to the school community. "And any future plans for athletics must continue to adapt to evolving public health metrics. We are writing to inform you that in consultation with the local Board of Health, and in alignment with City, State, and MIAA guidelines, the remainder of Holyoke High School's fall sports season is canceled. This is unfortunate and extremely disappointing, especially for our student-athletes, coaches, and fans who were looking forward to a complete fall season. This move is necessary out of an abundance of caution. While difficult for all involved, our responsibility is to keep our students and staff safe.

"The City of Holyoke has been in the red category for three weeks, which represents four weeks of higher rates of spread of the coronavirus, largely due to small group gatherings where people are not following health and safety guidelines. Per the Department of Public

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Chicopee falls to defending champion 'Chaug

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WILBRAHAM — Very good teams always seem to find a way to win a game even when they don't particularly play very well. A perfect example is the Minnechaug girls varsity volleyball team.

The Lady Falcons, who are the three-time defending Western Mass. Division 2 champions, struggled in a home match against the Chicopee Lady Pacers, but they still managed to pull out a 3-0 (25-17, 25-17, 25-22) victory, last Friday night.

"We won, but I thought that we played very poorly in tonight's match," said Minnechaug head coach Mark Taylor. "We had a lot of unforced errors and we also made a lot of mistakes."

It was the Lady Falcons (5-0) third match in a span of four days. They also defeated East Longmeadow last Tuesday and Chicopee Comp last Thursday by 3-0 scores.

"This was our third match of the week and we haven't practiced as much as we normally would," Taylor said. "Some of the mistakes that we made in tonight's match were the same ones that we made last night."

The Lady Falcons graduated six players from last year's squad, which finished the regular season with a perfect 18-0 mark before defeating Longmeadow,3-0, in the finals. Two more underclassmen decided not to play volleyball this fall and another one transferred to Wilbraham & Monson Academy.

"We do have a couple of very good returning players, who would be considered for the All-State team," Taylor said. "It's a little bit different season, but all of the players are happy just to be playing this year."

Minnechaug senior Izzy Arcidacono was credited with 24 assists and five aces in the home win against the Lady Pacers (1-3). Senior Chelsea Foulis chipped in with 15 kills and four aces. She has had 15 or more kills in three of the Lady Falcons first five matches.

The other four seniors listed on this year's Lady Falcons varsity roster are Lillian Grono, Leah Kagan, Kiana Jones, and Adrianna Daigle.

Foulis recently made a verbal commitment to join the women's volleyball team at Shippensburg University, which is in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania. She'll be signing her National Letter of Intent in November.

Foulis gave her thought about her team's performances against Chicopee.

"This was definitely not one of our best performances of the season," said Foulis, who became a member of the varsity squad in the middle of her freshman year. "I'm very proud of my teammates because we had to work hard to pull out the win tonight. We played three games

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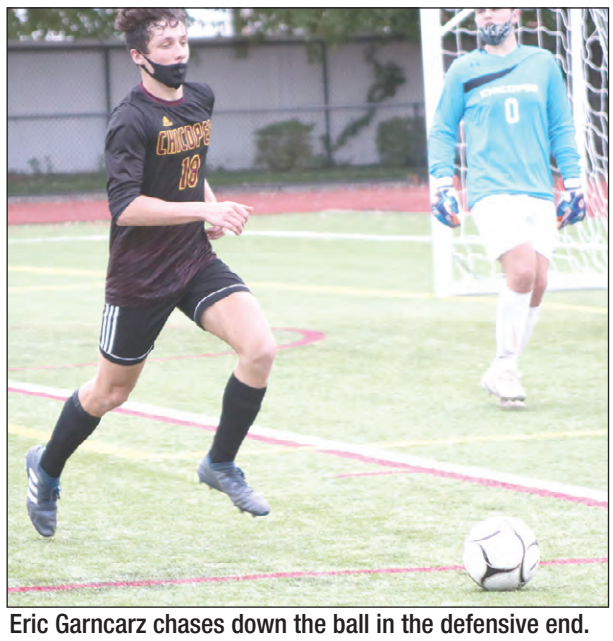
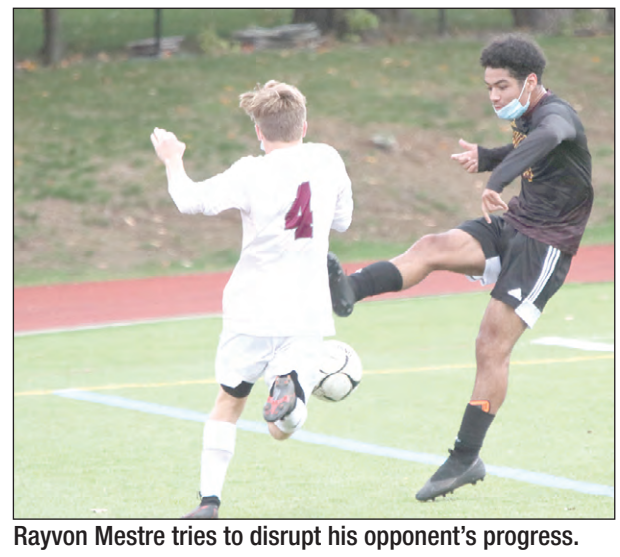
Pacers fall in shutout

PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

CHICOPEE – Last Tuesday afternoon, Ludlow and Chicopee continued their big boys soccer rivalry with the Lions getting a 2-0 win. The two teams have had very competitive games in the past few years.



Eric Garncarz chases down the ball in the defensive end.

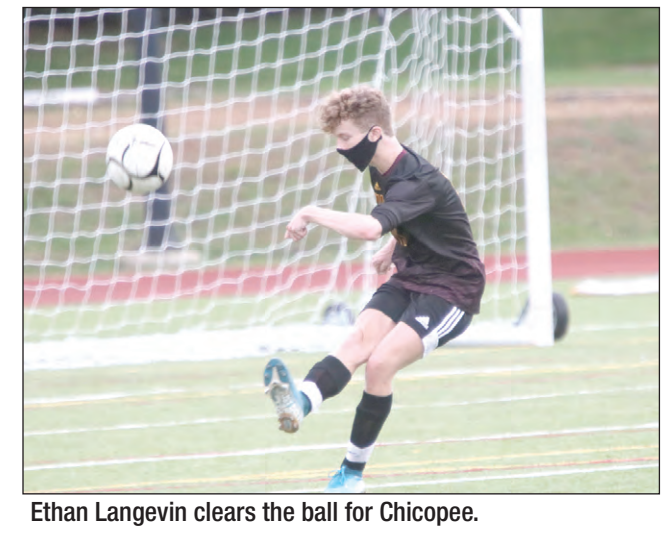


Rayvon Mestre tries to disrupt his opponent's progress.

Aidan Berube socks the ball away.

Nathan Roberts fights for possession of the ball.

Zachary Delaney makes a soft touch to goalie Aidan Berube.



Ethan Langevin clears the ball for Chicopee.

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Health, several other communities in the county are now also in the red category. HPS athletes and their families have been traveling to and playing in those communities as well."

Holyoke entered its third week in high-risk status, though its rate of COVID cases had actually declined. Data was released late last Thursday night. The state had been updating its high-risk status map on Wednesdays.

When Holyoke's status went to high-risk, West Springfield refused to play against Holyoke and games between the two schools were postponed. Based on the information provided by Matos, it appears even if Holyoke's status improves, there will be no resumption of fall sports.

Monson and Chicopee joined the ranks of high-risk communities by data released last Thursday.

A game between Chicopee and Ludlow boys soccer was postponed last Saturday morning, but it may not have been related to Chicopee's status change as both Chicopee and Chicopee Comprehensive were scheduled to have regular game action this week.

Amherst Regional, which currently shares a "bubble" with South Hadley, Granby, and Belchertown, moved to moderate risk. Amherst and Belchertown were set to resume matchups this week.

Belchertown, due to past precedent, will likely not play Monson until has been removed from high-risk status. There are about four weeks remaining in the abbreviated fall season.

VOLLEYBALL
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this week and all of us are tired."

Foulis also said that the additions of freshmen Ava Murray, Saja Stewart, and Siena Danserau has really helped the varsity squad so far this fall.

"The three freshmen have made a positive impact on our team so far this year and I'm very proud of them. We've won the Western Mass. title every year that I've been a member of the team and it's a great thing to be a part of. I'm so sad that there isn't going to be a postseason tournament this year."

One of the reasons why Foulis decided to attend Shippensburg University, which competes at the Division 2 level in women's volleyball, was because she was born in Pennsylvania.

"I was born in Pennsylvania and I've always wanted to go back there," she said. "I decided to look for Division 2 schools in that state that had my major (zoology). Shippensburg has a really good program. After I toured the school, I fell in love with the Shippensburg volleyball team and the campus. That's when I decided to commitment."

The year that Chelsea was born, her father, Scott, was an assistant women's basketball coachat Bucknell University. After being an assistant women's basketball coach at several other schools, including UMass, Scott Foulis is currently the associate head coach at Brandeis University.

Getting back to last Friday's home match, the Lady Falcons only trailed 2-1 in the first set and lead from start to finish in the second, but their largest lead was eight points.

Chicopee (1-3) held a 5-1 advantage in the third set before Minnechaug responded with an 8-2 run. The score was tied several times before a 6-1 run gave the home team a 22-18 lead. The Lady Pacers cut the deficit to 23-22, but the Lady Falcons managed to win the final two points of the match with Grono doing the serving.

The two teams are scheduled to meet for a second time at Chicopee High School on Thursday night.

GARDEN
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to look for, planting them correctly is easy.

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Crocus corms are especially tasty to rodents. There are all kinds of tactics one can use to try and keep the buggers from eating them. Some gardeners go through the trouble of making little cages out of chicken wire and planting the corms inside. Others surround the corms with sharp gravel to discourage the animal from digging them up. There are also a number of deterrents, natural and otherwise, on the market that may be worth a try if you have a severe enough problem.

Now that I've had a refresher course on the basic requirements for crocus growing, I'll likely try again. Hopefully you will too!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

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Date of Death: 09/08/2020
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Brian J Mokrzycki** of Chicopee, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Brian J Mokrzycki** of Chicopee, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/24/2020**.

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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland,** First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 20, 2020
Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate
10/30/2020

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD20C0179CA
In the matter of:
Stephen Richard Davis
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A **Petition to Change Name of Adult** has been filed by **Stephen Richard Davis of Chicopee, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Stevie Grace Davis
IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Hampden Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/24/2020**.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD20P1816EA
Estate of:
Gerard E Bewsee
Date of Death: 07/14/2020
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Judith A Bewsee** of Chicopee, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

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CHICOPEE
CITY COUNCIL ZONING COMMITTEE
LEGAL NOTICE

The Zoning Committee of the Chicopee City Council will hold a public hearing **Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 6:30 PM*** in the Council Chambers, 4th floor, City Hall Annex, 274 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01013 to discuss the following:

Special Permit application under section 275-72 for the purpose of amending existing special permit by requesting a waiver from provision E (1) of the adult use cannabis ordinance to allow for a drive-up fulfillment window at the existing facility located at 672A Fuller Road. Applicant – Theory Wellness, Inc., Brandon Pollock, 38 Montvale Ave, #210, Stoneham, MA 02180.

The plans/application can be viewed on the City Council website https://www.chicopeema.gov/880/Pending-Applications

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Special Permit application under 275-53 (C) (6) for the purpose of waiving the dimensional requirements to construct a residential single family home. Specifically a reduction in frontage from 75" to approximately 55.78" located at 0 Montgomery St. (Parcel ID 230-14). Applicant – Sergey Savonin, 21 West School St., West Springfield, MA 01089.

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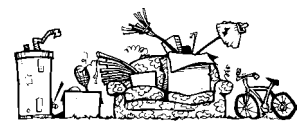

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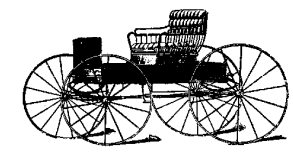

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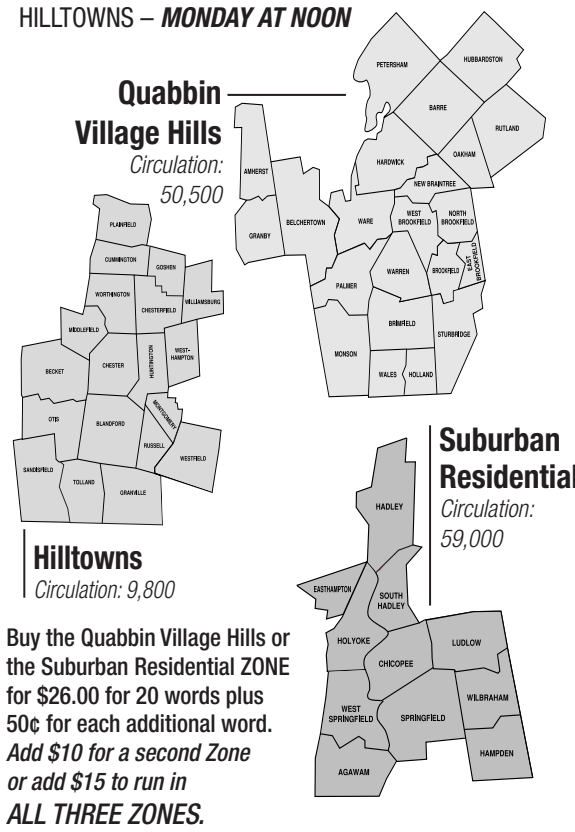

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National and local experts have sounded the alarm on the threat of catching COVID-19 by door-to-door trick-or-treating or attending indoor parties or other alternative celebrations.

"With the exception of those who recently got infected with COVID-19 and survived, everyone including children is susceptible to this viral infection. Traditional activities during Halloween like door-to-door trick-or-treating by small children can pose a real risk of disease transmission. Individuals from different households come together within six feet of one another, touch and give away common treats, and may have difficulty in keeping facial masks on, particularly among the younger children," said Dr. Armando Paez, chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases at Baystate Medical Center.

Some cities and towns like Springfield have canceled trick-or-treating altogether, while others are leaving it up to residents and are providing coronavirus-related restrictions to keep kids and adults safe. Check with your city or town for their safe Halloween recommendations.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are urging Americans not to trick-or-treat or attend indoor costume parties, labeling them as "high risk."

Other high-risk activities according to the CDC include:

Having trunk-or-treat where treats are handed out from trunks of cars lined up in large parking lots.

Going to an indoor haunted house where people may be crowded together and screaming.

Going on hayrides or tractor rides with people who are not in your household.

Traveling to a rural festival that is not in your community if you live in an area with community spread of COVID-19.

The safest, according to Dr. Paez, "is anything virtual."

"COVID has changed so much today in our daily lives, both personal and workwise, and connecting with friends and family virtually, as well as holding virtual conferences and meetings has become the norm today during the pandemic," he said

Meghan Brewer, Child Life Specialist III in the Child Life department at Baystate Children's Hospital, recommends the following safe "virtual" ideas to celebrate the "spooky" season:

Virtual Halloween Costume Contest

Pumpkin Decorating via Zoom with friends

Spooky Scavenger Hunts (set up in each person's house and started at the same time – looking for candy/treats/prizes instead of trick-or-treating

Virtually listen to a spooky story at the same time.

Additional safe ways to enjoy Halloween, according to the CDC, include having a Halloween movie night at home with family members of the same household, carving and decorating pumpkins to display, or decorating your home together. For a full list of high, moderate and low risk activities when celebrating Halloween this year, visit: the COVID-19 and Halloween section on the CDC's COVID-19 website at cdc.gov.

Many states, including Massachusetts, have released their own guidelines concerning "what's safe, what's not" for Halloween. While there is no statewide mandate on how communities should address the challenge of celebrating the season, there are recommendations available on mass.gov/news/halloween-during-covid-19.

COVID aside, there are also healthy recommendations to consider for younger children who want to eat their way through the goodies in their Halloween bag in one sitting.

"Go through your child's bag and each day take out some candy and put it on the table for them to enjoy, maybe next to a nice fruit salad as well," said pediatric dietitian Nancy L. Anderson, MS, RD, CSP LDN at Baystate Children's Hospital.

"For the older kids, being restrictive just won't work and will backfire. Halloween is one day a year, and the candy may last a week or two, but then they're over it. Consider it part of their overall healthy diet and make sure during the year they are having plenty of fruits, veggies, cheese, yogurt, whole grains and more," she added.

Whatever way people choose to celebrate Halloween, Dr. Paez reminds everyone to follow some commonsense safety precautions that public health experts have been recommending since the start of the pandemic to keep you and others safe from COVID-19:

Wear a mask – a costume face mask is not a substitute for a cloth face mask

Social distance staying at least six feet apart from anyone not in your household

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer (with at least 60% alcohol)

Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.

And don't go out when feeling sick and avoid contact with those who are sick.

Dr. Paez noted to keep in mind that other respiratory infections, such as flu, are more common during this time of the year.

"Remember, it's more important than ever before to get your flu shot this year. There is worry that there could be a possible widespread second wave of COVID-19 coinciding with the flu. That's why getting your flu shot now is more important than ever before."

For more information on Baystate Health, visit baystatehealth.org.

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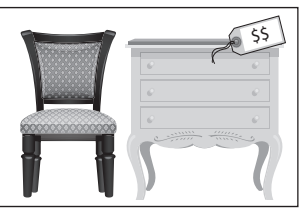

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